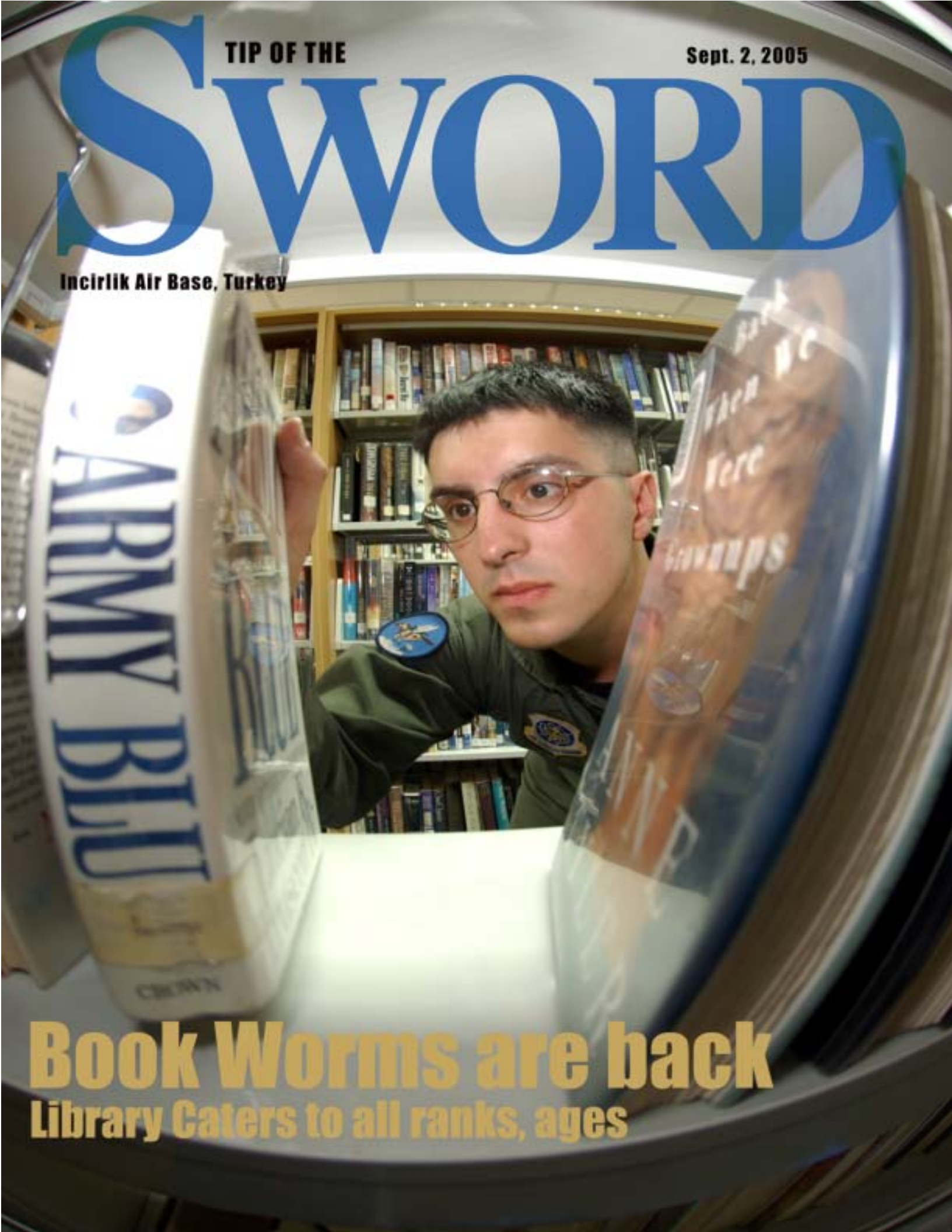


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**Senior Airman Bruce Roy, deployed here from 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron McChord AFB, Wash., takes advantage of what the base library has to offer as he looks through rows of books Tuesday. See related article, page 8. The base library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. (Photo by Airman 1st Class, Renae Saylock)**

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# COMUSAFE honored with Order of the Sword

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**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** – Before a packed house at the Ramstein Officers' Club, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander was bestowed the enlisted corps highest honor Aug. 26.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, who's led USAFE since August 2003, was inducted into the command's Order of the Sword before nearly 600 enlisted members and guests representing every base within the command.

General Foglesong credited his father for the characteristics that got him where he is today.

"My dad was an NCO in the United States Navy and he spent four years in the South Pacific," the general said as he held his dad's dog tags up high. "I learned about work ethic, dedication, and I learned about commitment and taking care of your people from Red Foglesong. He brought those NCO characteristics back home with him ... so, I know what NCOs do."

These same characteristics are found in today's Airmen, said the general.

"I know that the NCOs in our Air Force are the steel in our back," said General Foglesong. "They are the service-before-self patriots who give their all without blinking an eye – all for the sake of serving this great nation of ours."

"We have the greatest NCO corps in the world," the general continued. "We are the most respected and feared Air Force in the world and I unequivocally blame the people in this room for that."

Touted as an 'Airman among Airmen and a leader among leaders,' on the Order of the Sword proclamation, the general's induction is the highest award the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow upon a person.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant and sergeant major for the ceremony.

"His support and guidance for the enlisted force are unparalleled," Chief Coleman



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Kluge

Acting as sergeant major, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman escorts USAFE Commander Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong into the commander's Order of the Sword ceremony, Aug. 26.

said. "We are honoring a great leader. The general's sincere personal concern for the men and women in this command, combined with his outstanding leadership has catapulted USAFE to new heights of performance and combat readiness – all while providing superior services that have allowed our Airmen to grow spiritually, mentally and physically."

Most of these services have come by way of the 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs General Foglesong has instituted since taking the USAFE Flag.

"Whether looking at Combat Education, the high-energy events of Project CHEER, or the countless quality of life initiatives we've enjoyed over the past two years, the total dedication and passionate concern our

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# Band of brothers, sisters

By Col. "Tip" Stinnette  
39th Air Base Wing commander

There is a scene in the movie "Band of Brothers" where the company commander pulls one of his platoon lieutenant's aside and tells him that gambling and taking money from his platoon mates jeopardizes his position as the platoon leader in combat. For me, it is a memorable scene that struck a chord.



Colonel Stinnette

The key to mission success is nurturing strong team cohesion. This includes professional interaction between officers and enlisted, both on- and off-duty. It requires that we appreciate, respect and value each other. But the team cannot function when we let the rules of the game break down.

Our relationships between officers and enlisted warriors must be professional—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Even more importantly, our relationships must be *perceived* as being professional.

Anything that jeopardizes this professional relationship, both perceived and real, from gambling to drinking, does not serve unit cohesion or team building. The guidance on this is spelled out in Air Force Instruction 36-2909, *Professional and Unprofessional Relationships*, and is further addressed in our policy letter on the topic.

My experience and observation here is that the vast majority of us realize the importance of maintaining professional relationships and keeping team integrity in mind. I am continually impressed by our collective maturity and good judgment.

With your continued focus on building and maintaining unit cohesion and tight-knit units I am confident we can ensure the Team Incirlik family remains strong and respectful ... a band of brothers and sisters in arms.

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

### Labor Day Safety

Although we are nearing the end of a traditionally high incident period, we still have one more extended weekend in the critical 101 days of summer campaign.

We need to continue our vigilance and ensure we continue to stay safe. With the fall season quickly approaching, new risks such as increased rain, reduced hours of visibility, and schools returning to session will require our increased attention.

Combating risk is a never ending task. The primary threats haven't changed — impaired driving, failure to wear seat belts, driving too fast for conditions and driving while fatigued. The countermeasures are only a decision away — designate a driver, buckle-up, and adjust your driving to the changing conditions.

Our objective is to emphasize the importance of identifying hazards before engag-

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# Social graces: Maintaining professional relationships

By Chief Master Sgt. Ray Allen  
39th Air Base Wing command chief

Fraternization and professional relationships are hot topics in the Air Force and something we need to be mindful of at Incirlik. We all want to have a good time, and we understand places to go are limited on base. That means we are going to bump into each other often.

We need to be mindful of our surroundings and the potential for our actions to affect other people's views about us.

Socializing is a natural human endeavor, but there are rules to be observed as a result of being a part of our nation's military. Fraternalization, or a personal relationship between an officer and an enlisted member is unacceptable. Unprofessional relationships can occur between officers, between enlisted members and between officer and enlisted members.

They can also occur between military personnel and civilian employees or contractor personnel. I think we all understand these concepts, however, perceptions are also paramount. The repeated socialization of an officer with enlisted personnel, or senior grade enlisted personnel with junior enlisted personnel can result in poor perceptions and may be viewed as unprofessional. We must remain



Chief Allen

mindful of this fact.

The intent here is to maintain good order and discipline and to avoid the appearance of favoritism to ensure that when crunch time comes, we all are capable of doing our jobs without question. In order for that to happen, we need to respect our leader's position and their authority to do the job without the shadow of personal relationships to cloud the decision-making process. We are in the military, and there are times when orders need to be carried out immediately without question. Lives depend on it.

This does not mean that an officer or senior non-commissioned officer can't have lunch with his or her Airmen. In fact, I encourage you to know your personnel well enough to be able to motivate them and to know when something is bothering them. What it does mean is we all need to know when to back away. In a social setting, such as our monthly promotion ceremonies, it is great for us to get out and support our promotees. Do it with enthusiasm and the esprit de corps that comes with being a leader in our Air Force ... just know when to say when. The same holds true in the club on a Friday night. I know it is the only place to go after curfew 1 a.m., but be careful.

Believe it or not, your actions are being carefully scrutinized and could affect your effectiveness as a leader. It does not matter if you are a Tech. Sgt., Chief Master Sgt., Lieutenant or Captain remember, there is always someone out there who sees what you are doing, whether you realize it or not. Always do the right thing, and be conscious of where you are at all times.

# 728th AMS garners CINC excellence award

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 728th Air Mobility Squadron “demonstrated exemplary achievement in the spirit of installation excellence” in 2005 and was therefore rewarded with the 2005 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence Award for Special Recognition Aug. 18.

The 168-member unit was awarded the recognition for their “exceptional accomplishments improving the work environment, customer service and quality of life for their unit at Incirlik” stated the message released by Gen. John Handy, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command commander.

“I feel this is a well-deserved recognition for this unit,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Kulas, 728th AMS commander. “This reward is a result of a long-term plan to upgrade fa-

cilities and an unwavering commitment to customer service. I think the contribution to the war effort and the customer friendly attitude displayed during the inspection team’s visit contributed to our success.”

This is not the first award the unit has won, according to Colonel Kulas. However, with operations speeding up due to the new cargo hub mission, he feels this recognition is an especially deserved and monumental honor.

“Obviously this is a special award,” he said. “This award is attributable to the great character of the men and women of the 728th.

Their pride, professionalism and positive attitude are the hallmarks that make the 728th an exceptional unit. I am proud of every member of this squadron and am honored to lead them as we execute the global air mobility mission.”

## Safety

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ing in an activity. A well conceived plan to reduce risk is far more palatable than working out a protracted recovery. As faithful wingmen, you can serve by guiding those who have not applied enough consideration to facing a risk. Get them what they need — a safe ride home, some rest, or maybe just some good advice.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend by spending some well-earned time with your family and friends, but look out for them and manage risk smartly.

## Force Protection

You might have noticed we have changed the AFTP slogan from, “Your Life Depends on It” to “Practice and Live.” Not that former wasn’t a good slogan but this one really drives home what we’ve talked about at commander’s calls and meetings. We all know that lives depend on force protection but we practice it because if we don’t, lives could be lost.

## Action Line

### Commander addresses club grand opening glitches, slippery situations

#### Club service slow

**Q**: My husband and I attended the grand opening of the club Friday night. It was bad enough we had to wait an hour to be seated, but then the service was terribly slow. We had to remind the waiter to bring our beverages several times. There was over an hour gap between our appetizers and food.

Is this problem with the new contract going to be fixed soon? I love eating at the club but I won’t go there anymore if the service continues to be so slow.

**A**: We are honestly sorry that about the lack of timely service you experienced and hope you give us another opportunity to show we can do so much better. After investing intensive time, research, samplings, training, preparation and upgrades into the club reopening we know the delays you encountered will be quickly fixed. Incirlik now owns one of only two contracted club dining rooms in the entire Air Force. This, in itself, is a major accomplishment which took an incredible amount of effort from our mission support, contracting and services squadrons.

#### Slippery stairs

**Q**: I live on the third floor of my dorm and I am concerned about the stairwells on either end of the building. There is no overhead protection on these stairs and, when it rains, they become treacherously slick. There are sandpaper-type strips on the stair treads, but they help very little as the edges of the steps are clad in metal that is slick in dry conditions and even more so when it

rains. Are there any plans to put an awning or other type of overhead cover on these stairs?

**A**: We will replace the existing nose guards with anti-skid nose guards and we will also replace the worn-out sandpaper strips. This corrective action should go a long way toward mitigating the potential hazard. We will hit all the dorms in the coming months with the objective of completing the corrective action before the rainy season starts. In the long-run, we recognize the best way to thoroughly protect the stairwells from rain is to completely enclose them. This is beyond our means at the moment, but we will certainly keep the concern in our cross-check for the future.

### Commander’s Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. “Tip” Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. The program should be used after trying to resolve the issue through the chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing [action.line@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:action.line@incirlik.af.mil) or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060. Concerns are edited to 300 words or less. Action Lines with base-wide interest may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.

# Do not pass go without it

By Staff Sgt. Tom Wagner  
39th Security Forces Squadron

Every American on Incirlik Air Base is a guest on a Turkish installation and everyone 12-years-old and up requires a gate pass.

To many, this may seem like a difficulty, but from a force protection stand point it is an advantage. This requirement makes it harder for anyone to access the installation.

"The gate pass really limits who can get on the base," said Airman 1st Class Angel Jackson, 39th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration clerk. "Back in the United States, anyone with an (identification) card can get on the base. Here you really have to have a valid reason to gain entry to the base."

There are several types of gate passes available. Each is suited to a different function. The most common are the permanent and temporary gate passes.

"The temporary passes are mainly for people who are TDY here and people who are waiting for their residency permits to go through," said Airman Jackson. "People who are out-processing and have already turned in their permanent gate pass can also get one. It allows people who are either waiting on their blue book or residency permit or only have a short time left here to still get on and off the base."

The Turkish Air Force allows friends of people stationed here to visit. They need an approval letter signed by the 39th Air Base Wing commander or vice commander, as well as their temporary gate pass application and a copy of their passport's picture page and the page with the red "Giris" stamp.

These passes are normally approved, said Airman Jackson. However, the TuAF reserves the right to deny these at any time.

Immediate family members may also visit; the only complexity is proving the relationship which requires a little genealogy work on the requester's behalf.

"If you wanted to get your aunt, your mother's sister, on the base you would need your birth certificate, to prove who your mother was, your parent's marriage certificate, and both your aunt's and your mother's birth certificates to prove they are related to each other," said Airman Jackson. "It can get a little complicated trying to prove you are related to each other."

Documents that can be used to do this are emergency data cards, birth certificates,



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jones, 39th Air Base Wing safety, gets his gate pass picture taken by Senior Airman Archie Gerald, 39th Security Forces Squadron.

marriage licenses, divorce decrees and other official documents, she said.

Another type of pass is the Third Country National Pass, required for everyone who is neither American nor Turkish Nationals. This pass requires Turkish General Staff approval from Ankara and is limited to individuals who are related to the requester.

The Pass and Registration office is in a test phase for trying to obtain Third Country National passes for friends based on a "friend letter." Approval generally takes 30 to 60 days.

The last type of pass is the Turkish Friend Pass which is limited to 24 hours and requires all personnel under 18 years of age to have an approval letter signed by their parents.

After the paperwork is reviewed by Pass and Registration, the passes will be submitted to Turkish Pass and ID for approval. The processing time and procedures vary depending on the pass, but most passes take three to five duty days to process.

For more information, contact Pass and Registration at 6-6617.

## YOUR TURN

### How do you plan on spending Labor Day weekend?

I plan on going to Adana and race the go-carts and playing my video games.

— **R. J. Campbell**, Incirlik family member



"I will be on standby over the weekend and hopefully I won't be called out."

— **Airman Dawn Duman**, 39th Communications Squadron



"Going furniture shopping and spending time with my family."

— **Airman 1st Class Kyle Kinder**, 39th Contracting Squadron



"Whatever my wife tells me we are doing over the weekend."

— **Captain Dallas Little**, 39th Air Base Wing



"Going to a natural springs, Agacpinar, to seek relief from the hot weather."

— **Audrey Schmidt**, Incirlik family member



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)



# 18th Air Force commander visits cargo hub, thanks troops during tour

**By Capt. Denise Burnham**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, visited Incirlik Aug. 25 to 26 to get a first-hand look at the cargo hub operations.

The 18th Air Force is Air Mobility Command's war-fighting numbered Air Force responsible for tasking and executing all air mobility missions.

"The cargo hub is everything that we expected it to be," said General Welser. "This is truly a Total Force mobility mission of our airlift and tanker aircraft supporting operations downrange."

The general told the 728th Air Mobility Squadron that AMC has been a Total Force command since he came on active duty more than 30 years ago.

Speaking to the troops during commander's call, he stressed there is no way AMC could accomplish the mission without the support of the Total Force: active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilians and local nationals.

The general said he was very appreciative of the Turkish General Staff for making it possible for AMC to do this operation.

He also had a message for the people of the 39th Air Base Wing.

"Under the leadership of Col. 'Tip' Stinnette, the 39th ABW is truly a partnership," said General Welser. "We come here with an operation that needs to be done, but all of the other support comes from the wing



Photo by Airman 1st Class Renae Saylock

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, speaks with Senior Airman Michael Shaw, 728th Air Mobility Squadron system administrator during a tour of the squadron, Aug 25 and 26.

and there is absolutely no way that we'd be able to support our troops downrange and the convoy mitigation if it wasn't for the support of the 39th."

The general had two reasons for visiting Incirlik: Check out the cargo hub and say thanks to the troops. "It's our young men and women who took the oath of office who make it possible for us to do what we agreed to do the last 1,450 days since the Global War on Terror began," he said.

When asked about the future of the cargo hub operation, then general had some thoughts to share.

"Our operation in this part of the world or any part of the world could continue for many years to come and the thing that is the constant is our people," said General Welser. "It's the dynamite active duty, Guard and Reserve, civilians and nationals that make it possible for us to support freedom around the world."



## Club resumes service

Staff Sgts. Matthew and Yasemin Clark, 39th Communications Squadron, and their daughters, Lizzie and Gracie, place an order with Sencer Pekocak during the grand reopening of the club Aug. 26. The dining room serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sunday brunch is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Base braces for birthday blast

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

In celebration of the Air Force's 58th anniversary, Incirlik will host a "Birthday Blast" — complete with sports, food and special guests — at Arkadas Park Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.

While most bases throughout the Air Force will be hosting formal balls to celebrate the anniversary, the Incirlik committee members wanted a more informal approach so they could include more people, according to Senior Master Sgt. Samuel Ingram, 39th Security Forces Squadron and Birthday Blast chairman.

"Also, because the base has been through quite a lot this year such as inspections, deployments and taskings, we wanted to do something that would allow people time to relax and have a good time while also paying tribute to the Air Force's birthday," said Sergeant Ingram, who has been in the

Air Force 24 years and has seen his fair share of Air Force birthday parties. "We just wanted something different this year."

Something else that is different about Incirlik's celebration is that it is being paid for by base organizations so the event, except for the \$5 fee for a plate of food, is free. And all individuals 18-years-old and older are invited, unlike previous celebrations where only military members and spouses could attend due to space limitations.

The celebration will begin at 4 p.m. with a tug-of-war followed by an exercise competition, wheelbarrow race, food fear factor and crab walk. After the competitions, dinner will be served and will be followed by a water war. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams competing in the day long competition.

"This is a chance to bring all Air Force people together to include our Turkish hosts," said Sergeant Ingram.

## This week in Air Force history

### September 1, 1975

Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. was promoted to four-star general and assigned as commander, North American Aerospace Defense and Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He was the first African-American to receive the rank. In these dual capacities, he had operational command of all U. S. and Canadian strategic aerospace defense forces.

**September 2, 1977** The first class of women pilots graduates at Williams AFB, Ariz.

**September 3, 1971** President Richard M. Nixon dedicates the new Air Force Museum.

**September 3, 1996** The 11th Reconnaissance Squadron becomes the first Air Force unit to operate the Predator, an unmanned aerial vehicle designed for aerial surveillance and reconnaissance.

## Sword

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commander has for our enlisted Airmen and their families is readily apparent," said Chief Coleman.

Humbly considering himself unworthy of the honor, General Foglesong said his induction into the Order of the Sword is the highlight of his career.

"This (is) the high-water mark in my 33 years of service," the general said. "Nothing

will top all of you being here tonight."

General Foglesong is the sixteenth inductee into the USAFE Order of the Sword. The award is a tribute presented by the enlisted corps and patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages — The Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.

## IN THE NEWS

### AMMO closure

The 39th Maintenance Squadron AMMO munitions storage area is closed from Sept. 6 to 9 for inventory. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chad Marie at 6-8400.

### Vehicle operations move

Vehicle operations is now co-located with vehicle maintenance in building 117. All phone numbers are the same. Customers may still contact vehicle dispatch at 6-6756 and vehicle pick up and mobile maintenance at 6-3179. For more information, call the chief of motor vehicles at 6-6409.

### Military pay newsletter

People may get information on their pay and entitlements through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Military Pay Newsletter. To sign up for this newsletter go to [www.dod.mil/dfas/](http://www.dod.mil/dfas/) and click on the link for the newsletter.

### Hometown Holiday taping

The AFNEWS Hometown Holiday Greetings Team will videotape holiday greetings Sept. 21 - 23 at the Official Document Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See your first sergeant for details on how to make an appointment by Sept. 15. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### Commissary holiday hours

The Commissary will be open Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### HAWC classes available

The Health and Wellness Center will host a tobacco cessation course (includes five classes) beginning Sept. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. Call the HAWC at 6-4292 for more details.

### Spouse's Kahve

There will be a Spouse's Kahve Sept. 8 at the Family Support Center from 8 a.m. to noon. To sign up or for more information, call 6-6755.

### Pass and ID

Pass and identification is offering limited services from Thursday to Sept. 6 due to a remodeling project. For more information, call 6-6617.

# Bookworms unite

## Library anything but boring

**By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant**

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It does not bear the name of some of its more famous counterparts — Alexandria, Bodleian or Celsus — but the Incirlik Air Base library accomplishes today what those other libraries did in the past. It brings people together.

In ancient times, libraries were not simply used to store books but served as research centers, meeting places or auditoriums for speakers. The same holds true for the Incirlik library.

"This is not just a building full of books," said Donna Witt, library technician, who adds that there is so much to do at the library she finds it hard for people to get bored easily. "There are reading rooms for people of all ages, computers and a viewing/listening room. It can be pretty easy to lose track of time in here."

While the library hopes people of all ages will lose track of time behind its book-lined walls, the single or unaccompanied Airmen are one of its primary focuses. Why?

"The library has a wealth of offerings from DVDs to on-line services, to periodicals, newspapers and books," said Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "It is hard to imagine a better resource that caters to both those who may feel a little detached from home, as well as those looking for a little adventure. That is why it is so important to learn what base facilities like the library offer and to take advantage of their services."

"We are always looking for ways to make all Incirlik people feel at home and comfortable," said Carol Arvin, base librarian. "Right now we have the Name Game which was designed with the young adults and Airmen in mind. We give the names of characters from a book, movie or television series and patrons tell us what series, movie or book the names came from. We do this on a daily basis and offer prizes to those who guess correctly."

Also, because many Airmen work odd hours or cannot break away during normal duty hours, Ms. Arvin announced the library changed its hours to accommodate as many people as possible. She said the change took place Monday.

"We are open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday which helps to accommodate most people," said Ms. Witt. "And although our staff is rather small in number, we have volunteers who donated more than 100 hours just this month. This means we can offer more programs and services to more people. If it weren't for the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to operate as efficiently or successfully as we have been."

During the hours of operation, the library is open to all military and Department of Defense card holders and family members, according to Ms. Arvin. It has especially become a popular place to study or prepare for tests as well as relax with a good book. One of the newest features the library boasts is a graphic novel section.

"We have really seen an influx of young Airmen lately probably because of the addition of our graphic novel section," said Ms.

### Cost analysis of using the Incirlik library vs. buying

Title	Library fee	Buy/subscription
The Pacifier	Free	\$22.95
The Da Vinci Code	Free	\$14.50
The World Is Flat	Free	\$10.88
Sweetwater Creek	Free	\$15.97
Hitch	Free	\$20.27
Popular Mechanics (one year subscription)	Free	\$12/12 issues
Cosmopolitan (one year subscription)	Free	\$18/12 issues

Arvin. "But we are always looking for ways to make the Airmen more comfortable; better informed and to enhance their stay at Incirlik."

One of the more widely-used services at the library is the computer room. Ms. Witt and Ms. Arvin notice a lot of temporary duty military members using the computers. These are unaccompanied people who usually just want to e-mail friends and family back home. This service is a prime example of how some United States Air Forces in Europe Combat Special Interest Programs interlink. Project Wizard links with Project Cheer to provide Airmen education and fun in the same building.

Regardless of who uses the library, there are several benefits it can offer. For example, it can save money — something not only unaccompanied or single Airmen like to do.

"We have new releases like The Pacifier and Hitch that people can check out for free instead of buying or renting," said Ms. Witt. "We also have music CDs to borrow rather than buying. And we even let you check out magazines — something most other libraries will not allow."

It is not only easy to save money at the library, people can also save time. There are books on learning to speed read as well as books that are not really books at all.

"You don't even have to be an avid reader to pick up a good book," said Ms. Witt. "We have books on tape, CDs, DVDs and videos. Just stop by and look around. I'm sure we will have something you will like."





## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

**Question: Mehmet, I am new here and I've noticed that driving off base is quite challenging. What do you recommend for driving in Turkey?**

You might remember I say "driving in Turkey is not dangerous but adventurous" in my briefings. Below is an article from [www.mymerhaba.com](http://www.mymerhaba.com) website about driving safely in Turkey.

The fundamental rules of safety to survive Turkish driving are: Drive very defensively; avoid driving at night, and never let emotions effect what you do.

A number of accidents occur when a local driver stops, takes some unexpected action or turn causing the foreign driver to hit the other vehicle or be struck by others. Many of the "unexpected" actions are unexpected according to driving standards but are quite common in Turkey. A high percentage of traffic-related deaths are pedestrians in overcrowded major cities.

**The following defensive measures can and should be taken to increase the odds in your favor for accident-free driving:**

- Always wear seat belts and keep children in the back seat with seat belts and/or in a child safety seat.

- Drive defensively, this is very important and not a catch phrase to be taken lightly.

- Use your horn to get pedestrians' attention and also your lights to get the attention of other drivers. And pay attention when other drivers use their horns.

- Dusk is really a dangerous time on intercity highways since most drivers delay turning on their headlights until well after dark. Therefore oncoming traffic can be very hard to see.

- Watch out for trucks and buses that take the right-of-way without signaling, whether they are entitled to it or not.

- Check all mirrors and use directional signals for lane changes

and do not forget to confirm with direct visual check. Also check right side mirror in particular.

- Use four-way flashers to warn the following drivers of suddenly slowed/blocked traffic to avoid being hit from back.

- Every day drive as though you have a mission and that is to not be involved in an accident, cause an accident or strike a pedestrian.

- Always expect the unexpected.

- Guess nothing. Make no guessing about what another driver may do or how he/she will react in a situation. Do not think that they have seen your vehicle or will do the "right" thing.

**Pay special attention to all of the following that are common**

- Unexpected stops or turns without signaling, for any obvious reason.

- Passing on the right lane and cutting in front of other vehicles from the right side.

- Unexpected lane changes and stopping at unexpected locations to pick up or left off passengers by "dolmus, taxis, city and intercity buses and trucks including main highway entrance slopes, intersections and along major highways.

- Completely careless and unskilled drivers.

- Drivers that drive in the middle of the road and give way to no one.

- Drivers that overtake on blind curves.

- Drivers that attempt to pass you while you are passing other vehicles.

- Tailgating drivers.

- Pedestrians apparently completely unaware to oncoming traffic so they continue to walk or run in front of vehicles to cross streets and main highways.

- Trucks parked at night without lights on the highway rather than on the side of the road.

- At night, cars without lights or lights missing.

- Animals on highways, in countryside watch for herds of sheep, goats and others on the roads.

- Tractors, horse carts and farm vehicles traveling without lights at slow speed on highways.

- Oncoming drivers playing enigmatic light games, flashing and flashing whether you have your "brights" on or not.

- Tire-shredding potholes.

These are the basic actions you are going to meet while driving in Turkey.

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## FOD Fun

Team Incirlik gathered on the flightline Wednesday morning for a FOD walk, followed by a 2.25 mile Fun Run on base.

Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Ewards

# New nurse arrives, new location with expanded OB/GYN clinic services

By Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Obstetrics and Gynecology clinic at the 39th Medical Squadron recently welcomed a new women's health nurse practitioner.

They also underwent a move within the hospital so they now have an additional examination room available.

The idea is to increase the number of well-woman appointments the clinic can handle in any given day, according to Capt. Beth Baykan, 39th MDS OB/GYN nurse practitioner. The room will also enable the staff to handle an increase in patients while cutting the wait time.

"It's about better access," said Captain Baykan, who has been working at the clinic for about six weeks.

Captain Baykan arrived here from Keesler AFB, Miss. She worked there as a nurse

practitioner for two years at the second-largest Air Force hospital.

"I knew I was always going to be a nurse practitioner," she said. "My first exam was when I was a teenager and it was a bad experience. Overall, it was a humiliating experience."

It was then Captain Baykan decided she would become a woman's nurse practitioner.

"Besides the personal nature of exams, I like that I am able to help women feel very comfortable," she continued. "That's what makes me happy."

The OB/GYN clinic also offers services beyond the

care that Captain Baykan offers, thanks to a contract physician, Dr. Riza Taze. He has been practicing for more than 15 years and has been credentialed at Incirlik for the past five years.

"Dr. Taze's clinical expertise has been in-

valuable to the Incirlik community," said Maj. (Dr.) Thomas Cantilina, 39th MDS chief of staff. "His knowledge and clinical/surgical abilities has allowed us to offer women a range of services as well as ensure their safety as they interact with local national facilities."

The wide range of services that Dr. Taze and Captain Baykan provide together augments the primary care from Family Practice and Flight Medicine clinics. Services the OB/GYN clinic provides includes:

- ☐ Well-woman exams
- ☐ OB and prenatal care
- ☐ Colposcopy (abnormal pap smears)
- ☐ Family planning
- ☐ Infertility work-ups

"I had a patient who just battled breast cancer," said Captain Baykan. "During one of her exams, I felt something about the size of a softball. Thankfully it wasn't cancer, but the point is she didn't even know it was there until the exam."

"People who never come in are the ones who wind up with bad things happening to them," she continued. "They just need to come in." To make an appointment, call the appointment line at 6-6173.

## Breast Cancer prevention

Lt. Col. Robert Schmitz, 52nd Medical Squadron, Spangdahlem, Germany, will be here Sept. 13 through 15 to perform mammograms for the Incirlik community. Women who are eligible for mammograms and are due for one should call to make an appointment for a well-woman exam at 6-6173.

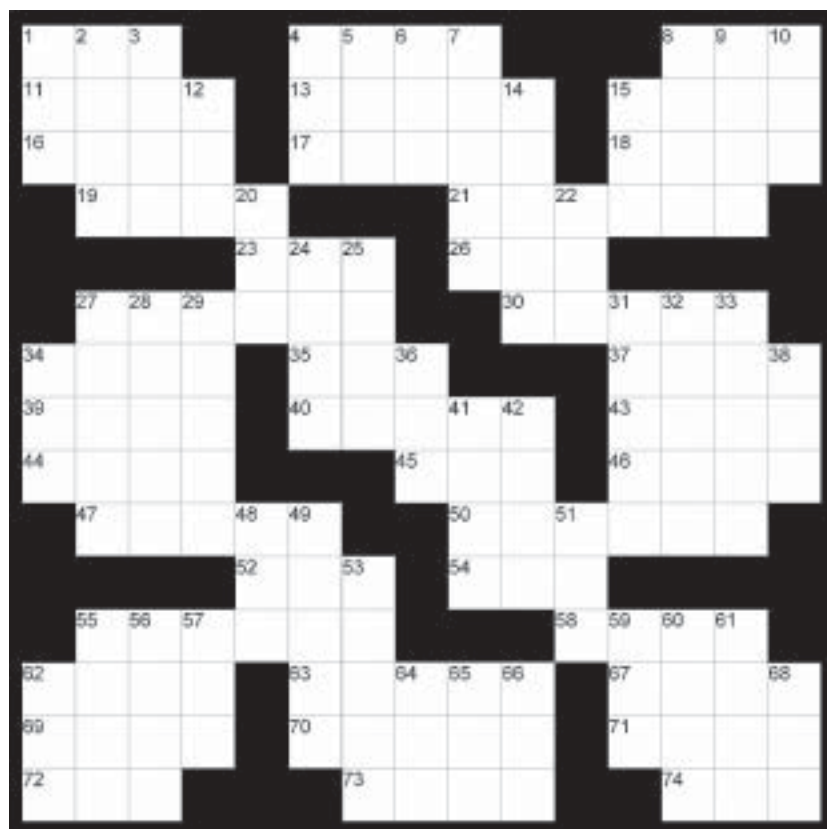
## Promotions

Maj. Hakan Ezici reaches for Senior Master Sgt. stripes to pin Osman Kaya's newest rank during the Turkish promotion ceremony Aug. 30. All promotions in the Turkish Armed Forces are made on this day annually. This year, 19 officers and 16 NCOs were promoted to the next rank at the 10th Tanker Base Command. As a result of the promotions, some assignments of high-ranking officers take place during this time of year. NCOs and officers also enter the service on this day after graduating from the school and when new assignments are made.



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

# AF pioneers of the '70s



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

## ACROSS

1. Shaq's org.
4. M\*A\*S\*H actor Alan
8. Sis' sib
11. Sad

13. Jeans brand
15. Inmate's house
16. Staff
17. Rustle
18. \_\_\_ upon a time ...
19. Assist
21. Hang out

23. Mining goal
26. Goddess of the dawn
27. Gen. \_\_\_ James; First African-American promoted to USAF four star
30. Drum
34. Salary
35. Everything
37. River boat
39. Land measurement
40. Armistice
43. 1944 Nobel Prize winner Hahn
44. Tool storage place
45. Big \_\_, C.A.; picturesque resort; region along the Pacific
46. One of the five W's
47. Fable writer
50. Brig Gen Robinson \_\_; senior AF officer held prisoner in Hanoi
52. Sick
54. Meadow
55. Jane Leslie \_\_; first woman commissioned through AFOTC
58. Jog
62. Various amounts
63. South American mountains
67. Pirate's haul
69. Cadet \_\_\_ Olsen; first woman admitted to a service academy
70. Capt. Sandra \_\_; first woman tanker commander to stand alert duty
71. Singer Fitzgerald
72. DoD TV stations overseas
73. Cure
74. Flightless bird

## DOWN

1. CBS rival
2. Boring
3. Col. Regina \_\_; first woman to receive the Cheney Award
4. USAF PME for Staff Sgt. (S)
5. Gen. \_\_\_ Allen; Chief of Staff of the
6. 506, to Cicero
7. Passageway
8. Jolt
9. Cadet Edward A. \_\_; first African-American Cadet Wing

- commander
10. Bullring cheer
12. Snake-like fish
14. Fire at
15. CMSgt \_\_\_ Harston; Air Force Cross recipient
20. Hawaiian food made from taro
22. Country protected by DoD
24. Collect grain
25. Model McPherson
27. Fancy home in Russia
28. Give consent
29. Requires
31. Gen. George \_\_; CSAF/CJCS
32. Woodshop item
33. Following before
34. Existed
36. \_\_\_ Vegas
38. 2,000 pounds.
41. Hair type
42. Pennsylvania town
48. Engine need
49. Guilty and Not Guilty
51. Unhappy
53. PM of Ireland (1966-1973/1977-1979) John \_\_
55. Cow's foot
56. Middle East country
57. Actor Cariou
59. Pub order
60. Foot part
61. Jeanne \_\_; first woman promoted to Brig. Gen.
62. USAF lawyers
64. Female deer
65. Greek letter
66. Missouri airport, in short
68. Greek letter

The solution for this crossword puzzle will be published in the Sept. 9 edition of the *Tip of the Sword*. Crossword puzzles are published in the first *Tip of the Sword* edition of every month. For more information, call 6-6060 or e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* staff at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil).

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### Intramural bowling

Intramural bowling starts Sept. 13. To join the league, call Ken Williams at 6-6782 or Clifford Sowder at 6-1088.

### Youth center events

The youth center hosts an array of activities throughout the month of September. The dinner and a movie will be Sept. 10 while a trivia challenge and cooking class will be Sept. 17. The chess club meets every Tuesday and Thursday and a teen summit is scheduled for Sept. 15. Soccer practices and games will begin soon. The center will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670 for more details.

## Classifieds

**Wanted:** Second car that runs well for under \$1,000. Must have steering wheel on left side. For more information call

Jerry Lawson at 6-9381 or e-mail at [jerry.lawson@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:jerry.lawson@incirlik.af.mil).

**Wanted:** Are you over your household goods weight limit? Collecting too much dust? Not enough time to play? I'm interested in buying your piano. For more information, call Cricket at 6-5687.

**Yard sale:** Multi-family yard sale Sept. 10 at 3032B Aspria St., Phantom Housing from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baby items: swing, furniture, clothes, toys, clothes, DVDs, 220 volt appliances, videos and lots of bric-a-brac. Call 6-2404 for more information.

**Free pet:** Five-year old, gray, female cat. Already spayed with all shots up-to-date. We will have her de-clawed if her new family desires. Fantastic with children and comes with litter box, carrier and food. Call 6-2404 for more information.

**PCS sale:** RCA 36-inch wide-screen, stand included, \$300. Panasonic 600w Dolby PL Receiver with 100-disc changer, both dual voltage, \$300. Kenwood DVD, dual voltage, \$30, five-shelf black bookcase, \$30. Five piece luggage set \$50 and two-piece American Traveler matching luggage, \$50. Set of men's left golf clubs with bag, \$60. For more information, call Erik at 6-8282 or 6-5139

**Volunteers needed:** The Adana Neighborhood Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2005 to 2006 year. For more information, contact Kathy at 6-5108 or e-mail [kathy.shoemaker@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:kathy.shoemaker@incirlik.af.mil) or Angella at 6-5761 or e-mail [angella.shipman@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:angella.shipman@incirlik.af.mil).



# COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

## Combat Education

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has certificate programs for several specialties. For more information, call 6-1098.

The last day the Incirlik education office can issue tuition assistance for fiscal year 2005 is Sept. 21.

Anyone taking classes starting before Oct. 1 must complete their TA form by Sept. 21. No TA will be issued between Sept. 22 and 30. For more information, call 6-3211.

## Project Wizard

The Book Club in a Box program has 10 copies of the same book, discussion questions and tips for running a book club.

The Online Book Club allows people to receive a portion of a book each day through e-mail. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

## Combat Touch happenings

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

Intercessory prayer group is 8 a.m. Saturdays at the chapel. For more information, call 6-2188.

The Crossroads Café closed Sept. 2 and 3.

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

### Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. – Contemporary service

### Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Islamic, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Neo Pagan and Earth based religions.

Personal checks written to the chapel require the sponsor's social security number on them. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

## Rollins greets troops

Second Lt. Alphanso Adams, 39th Communications Squadron, talks with Henry Rollins as the musician, speaker, actor, publisher and commercial spokesman signs his autograph at the base library. Mr. Rollins met with troops Wednesday during a USO handshake tour of the base and congratulated new promotees at the base theater.



## AT THE OASIS

### Today

**7 p.m. – Fantastic Four (PG-13)** – Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. Reed, inventor and leader of the group gains the ability to stretch his body, and takes the name, Mr. Fantastic. (123 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – Land of the Dead (R)** – Simon Baker and Asia Argento. In a modern-day world where the walking dead roam, the living try to lead “normal” lives behind the walls of a fortified city. (93 min)

### Saturday

**5 p.m. – The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D (PG)** – Starring Taylor Lautner and Taylor Dooley. 10-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world. But Max realizes the characters in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes. (93 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – Fantastic Four (PG-13)** – Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. (123 minutes)

### Sunday

**9:15 p.m. – The War of the Worlds (PG-13)** – Starring Tom Cruise and Miranda Otto. Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians which have come enmasse to destroy Earth. (117 minutes)

### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Batman Begins (PG-13)** – Star Christian Bale and Ken Watanabe. The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. (120 minutes)

## AT THE M1

**Skeleton Key (PG-13)** — 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (110 minutes)

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)** — 12:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. (106 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at [www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr](http://www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.